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In re Application of  
Jochen Heinz et al  
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Attorney Docket No.: 1174

PETITION DECISION

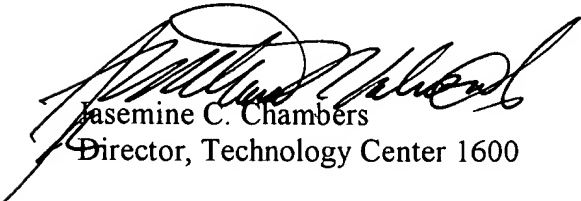
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed July 28, 2003, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on failure to receive an Office action. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed a Final Office action to applicants on September 11, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the examiner mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants on June 30, 2003. Applicants state that the Office action was never received and provide statements and copies of docket records establishing that the Office action was never received. In view of the evidence presented the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for mailing of a new Office action.**

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 703-308-3824 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.

  
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